S.No.	States/UTs	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
25.	West Bengal	5	7	4	9
26.	Pondicherry	NA	NA	NA	NA
27.	Andaman and Nicobar Island	0	0	0	0
28.	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0
29.	Delhi	10	5	7	6
30.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0
31.	Daman and Diu	0	0	0	0
32.	Lakshadweep	NA	NA	NA	NA
33.	Chhattisgarh	NA	NA	NA	NA
34.	Jharkhand	0	5	7	4
35.	Uttaranchal	NA	NA	NA	1

Advertisement of medicines

†1867. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the patients are being attracted towards the big advertisements appear in the newspapers, magazines, and TV channels of various costly medicines for serious diseases like T.B., diabetes, asthama, gout, blood pressure, concer, etc.;

(b) whether all such medicines being advertised are approved and licensed by Government and are completely safe for the health of the patients; and

(c) if so, the criteria for providing sanction to sale and regarding providing license for production of such medicines and the agency which is responsible to decide prices of the medicines and the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The Drug and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisement) Act, 1954 has provisions to control the advertisement of Drugs, which claim to possess magical qualities that appear in various news papers, magazines etc. except the electronic media. The respective State Governments are empowered to take legal action gainst the offenders.

A Bill has been moved for amending the Drug and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisement) Act, 1954 for inclusion of electronic advertising under the purview of the Act.

The Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rule 106 of Drug and Cosmentics Rule gives the details of diseases and ailments which a drug may not purport to prevent or cure or to claim to prevent or cure.

(b) and (c) Before grant of licence for manufacture of any drug, the efficacy, safety and other quality parameters of the drug are examined by the Licencing Authority and on fulfillment of the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules framed thereunder the licences are issued by the concerned State Licensing Authorities.

With regard to the prices of the medicines, the same is controlled under the Drugs Prices Control Order issued by Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

Advertisements on National Cancer Awareness day

1868. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued advertisements on National Cancer Awareness Day on 7th November, 2006 in the media all over country;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred on such advertisements alongwith the purpose of such advertisements;

(c) whether the format of such advertisements would be changed to include the photos of some officials also to encourage and motivate them; and

(d) the plans and proposals to give media publicity to all concerned thereof?